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DIST: 7 SEPTEMBER 1983

COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET IN SUPPORT OF

THE POLITICAL OPENING DOI : AUGUST 1983

Declassified and Approved for Release July 2000 TEXT: 1. ON 30 AUGUST 1983, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ASSASSINATION OF RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL CAROL ((URZUA)) IBANEZ, INTENDENT OF SANTIAGO, PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE URZUA MURDER WOULD NOT STOP THE POLITICAL OPENING,

OLD FRIENDS THAT PINOCHET SAID HE INTENDED TO KEEP THE POLITICAL INITIATIVE GOING.

ALSO TOLD THAT THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL REACTION TO THE URZUA MURDER WAS RAGE.

WHILE IN THIS STATE THE PRESIDENT TALKED ABOUT ORDERING A P 4STATE OF SIEGE AND CRACKING DOWN ON THE LEFT.

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IN AN INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE, PINOCHET TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED THE IMPOSITION OF A STATE OF SIEGE AFTER THE URZUA MURDER.)

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